IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for tokenless authorization of an electronic scrip transaction using at least one scrip supporter biometric sample and an electronic identicator, said method comprising the steps of:

   a.   a scrip supporter registration step, wherein a scrip supporter registers with an electronic identicator at least one registration biometric sample,

   b.   an electronic scrip transaction proposal step comprising an electronic scrip donator account data, data, in which the scrip is drawn from a set including: electronic gift certificates, stored-value units, electronic coupons having a pre-determined dollar value, minutes of telephone calling time, miles towards earning a free airplane flight, and points towards receiving a commodity or service,

   c.   at least one transmittal step, wherein a scrip supporter bid biometric sample is obtained from the scrip supporter's person and is electronically transmitted to the electronic identicator,

   d.   a scrip supporter identification step, wherein the electronic identicator compares the bid biometric sample with at least one registration biometric sample for producing either a successful or failed identification of the scrip supporter,

   wherein upon successful identification of the scrip supporter, a scrip transaction is biometrically authorized, without the scrip supporter presenting any smartcards or magnetic swipe cards.

2.   (Original)   The method of Claim 1 further comprising at least one local identicator containing a subset of all of the registered scrip supporter biometric samples in the electronic identicator.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method for tokenless authorization of an electronic scrip transaction using at least one scrip supporter biometric sample and an electronic identicator, said method comprising the steps of:

   a.   a scrip supporter registration step, wherein a scrip supporter registers with an electronic identicator at least one registration biometric sample, including an electronic clearinghouse rule creation step, wherein at least one rule module for the scrip supporter is added to a clearinghouse;

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b.   an electronic scrip transaction proposal step comprising an electronic scrip donator account ~~data,~~ data, in which the scrip is drawn from a set including: electronic gift certificates, stored-value units, electronic coupons having a pre-determined dollar value, minutes of telephone calling time, miles towards earning a free airplane flight, and points towards receiving a commodity or service,

c.   at least one transmittal step, wherein a scrip supporter bid biometric sample is obtained from the scrip supporter's person and is electronically transmitted to the electronic identicator,

d.   a scrip supporter identification step, wherein the electronic identicator compares the bid biometric sample with at least one registration biometric sample for producing either a successful or failed identification of the scrip supporter,

wherein upon successful identification of the scrip supporter, a scrip transaction is biometrically authorized, without the scrip supporter presenting any smartcards or magnetic swipe cards, and the rule module for the scrip supporter is invoked.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~a~~ the rule module further comprises at least one pattern data that is associated with at least one execution command.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 4, wherein the pattern data is drawn from a set including: a unique scrip supporter identification code, demographic information, an email address, at least one pre-determined formula for scrip donations, secondary biometric, a telephone number, a mailing address, purchasing patterns, a digital certificate, a network credential, an Internet protocol address, a digital signature, and an encryption key.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 4, wherein the execution command comprises instructions for accessing at least one electronic registry, the instructions drawn from a set including: at least one scrip donator account and at least one scrip beneficiary account.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the electronic registry is located on ~~an~~ a computer that is external to the authorization system.

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8.   (Original)   The method of claim 3 further comprising at least one local clearinghouse containing a subset of all of the rule modules in the scrip transaction system.

9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 further comprising a scrip donator account resource determination step, wherein it is determined if a scrip donator account has sufficient resources to be debited for an amount specified in the scrip transaction.

17.   (Canceled)

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic scrip transaction proposal step further comprises scrip transaction data, wherein the scrip transaction data is drawn from a set including: price information, a list of goods, a list of services, a scrip merchant name, a date or time, a location, and an invoice number.

20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 wherein the scrip
supporter's biometric sample is drawn from a set including: a fingerprint, a retinal scan, an
iris scan, a voice print, a facial scan.

23.   (Canceled)

24.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 wherein the scrip donator
account is controlled by one of: a scrip merchant, a scrip participating manufacturer, and the
scrip supporter.

25.   (Canceled)

26.   (Canceled)

27.   (Canceled)

28.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 further comprising a
notification step, wherein after settlement of the transaction, notification of the results of the
transaction settlement step and scrip account activity is presented to one of: the scrip
supporter, a scrip merchant, and a scrip beneficiary.

29.   (Canceled)

30.   (Canceled)

31.   (Canceled)

32.   (Canceled)

33.   (Canceled)

34.   (Canceled)

35.   (Canceled)

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36.   (Canceled)

37.   (Canceled)

38.   (Canceled)

39.   (Canceled)

40.   (Canceled)

41.   (Canceled)

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44.   (Canceled)